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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

ROBERT G. WING, as Receiver for VESCOR CAPITAL CORP., a Nevada corporation, VESCOR CAPITAL, INC., a Nevada corporation, VESCORP CAPITAL, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, VESCORP CAPITAL IV-A, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and VESCORP CAPITAL IV-M, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

VS.

WILLIAM J. HAMMONS, BILO 1989 TRUST DATED JULY 13, 1989, BILL HAMMONS AND ASSOCIATES, BILL HAMMONS INVESTMENTS, and JOHN DOES I-X,

Defendants.

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Judge

Robert G. Wing, receiver for VesCor, complains against defendants as

follows:

#### **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

- 1. This action arises out of a Ponzi scheme. In 1990, Val Edmund Southwick ("Southwick") began and operated companies referred to collectively as "VesCor." VesCor borrowed money from investors telling them their money would be used to fund the development of commercial and industrial real estate. In fact, VesCor used most of the money it obtained from new investors to pay the debts owed to older investors, to pay commissions on the sale of investments, to fund company operations, and to pay Southwick's personal expenses.
- 2. In 1992, VesCor was sanctioned by the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Securities ("Division") in a Stipulation and Consent Order, which identified unregistered securities which were offered to investors in the State of Utah.
- 3. In 2002, VesCor was again sanctioned by the Division in a Stipulation and Consent Order, which identified unregistered securities which were offered and sold to investors in the State of Utah.
- 4. In 2004, VesCor agreed with the Division it would discontinue offering securities for sale to Utah residents and cease making offers for the sale of securities from within the State of Utah to investors who resided out of the State. VesCor further agreed to pay investors their principal and accrued interest at the maturity date of their investments or at an earlier call date.
- 5. VesCor continued to sell unregistered securities in the State of Utah in violation of the Division's Orders and the 2004 agreement.

- 6. By 2006, Vescor had grown to a complex web of over 150 corporations and limited liability companies, registered in Utah and Nevada, and owned interests in commercial and industrial real estate in Nevada, Utah, Montana and California. On May 31, 2006 the VesCor Ponzi scheme collapsed when Southwick stopped paying monthly interest payments and principal redemptions to most investors.
- 7. On March 31, 2008, Southwick pleaded guilty to nine counts of securities fraud, each a felony in the second degree, in the Third District Court of Utah, and was later sentenced by Utah District Court Judge Robin Reese to serve nine consecutive 1-15 year prison terms, the maximum allowed by State law.
- 8. On February 6, 2008, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed suit against Southwick and five VesCor entities identified as issuers of promissory notes to investors alleging violations of the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws.
- 9. On May 5, 2008, this Court appointed Robert G. Wing as Receiver for VesCor. In this action, the Receiver seeks to recover for VesCor investors money fraudulently transferred from VesCor to transferees who did not provide VesCor with reasonably equivalent value in return for the transfers, and who did not take those transfers in good faith.

# PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. VesCor Capital Corporation ("VCC"), headquartered in Ogden, Utah, is a Nevada corporation formed by Southwick in 1990. Robert G. Wing is the

- Receiver for VCC and all affiliated limited partnerships, corporations or other business entities.
- 11. VesCor Capital Incorporated ("VCI"), headquartered in Ogden, Utah, is a Nevada corporation formed by Southwick in 1995. Robert G. Wing is the Receiver for VCI and all affiliated limited partnerships, corporations or other business entities.
- 12. VesCorp Capital, LLC ("VCP"), headquartered in Ogden, Utah, is a Nevada limited liability company formed by Southwick in 2003. Robert G. Wing is the Receiver for VCP and all affiliated limited partnerships, corporations or other business entities.
- 13. VesCorp Capital IV-A, LLC ("VCP IV-A"), headquartered in Ogden, Utah, is a Nevada limited liability company formed by Southwick in 2004. Robert G. Wing is the Receiver for VCP IV-A and all affiliated limited partnerships, corporations or other business entities.
- 14. VesCorp Capital IV-M, LLC ("VCP IV-M"), headquartered in Ogden, Utah, is a Nevada limited liability company formed by Southwick in 2004. Robert G. Wing is the Receiver for VCP IV-M and all affiliated limited partnerships, corporations or other business entities.
- 15. William J. Hammons ("Hammons") is an individual and co-trustee of the BILO 1989 Trust dated July 13, 1989 ("BILO").
- 16. BILL HAMMONS AND ASSOCIATES and BILL HAMMONS
  INVESTMENTS are entities believed to have been used by Hammons to

- solicit and transfer funds to VesCor, and do not appear to be registered with a Secretary of State.
- 17. John Does I-X are currently unidentified trusts, corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, or other entities controlled by Hammons or other trustees or controlling entities of BILO or Does I-X.
- Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1367 and 28
   U.S.C. Section 754.
- 19. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 754.

#### **CLAIM(S) FOR RELIEF**

# (Fraudulent Conveyances to William J. Hammons, the BILO Trust(s), Bill Hammons Investments, Bill Hammons and Associates, and Does I-X)

- 20. Mr. Hammons acted as a sales agent or broker for VesCor both in his individual capacity and through his entities, Bill Hammons Investments and Bill Hammons and Associates. In these capacities, he sold investments for, and was paid commissions by, VesCor.
- 21. In addition, Mr. Hammons invested with VesCor.
- 22. VesCor's accounting records show that Mr. Hammons and his trust, BILO, received much more money from VesCor than they invested. Some of the amount received may have been for commissions.
- 23. These payments were made as part of a Ponzi scheme and were therefore, by definition, made to hinder, delay or defraud creditors and or investors of VesCor.
- 24. These receipts constitute fraudulent transfers to the extent they exceed the amount invested by Mr. Hammons, BILO or Does I-X. They were made at a time when

VesCor was insolvent, VesCor did not receive substantially equivalent value for the transfers and Mr. Hammons, BILO and Does I-X did not take the transfers in good faith.

## WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays as follows:

- A. That the plaintiff be awarded damages against Hammons, BILO, Bill Hammons Investments, Bill Hammons and Associates, and Does I-X in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest, costs and attorneys fees.
- B. For such other relief as the Court may allow.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_day of August, 2008.

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